

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

First and second portions of memory are provided in a storage module (e.g. hard
5 drive or flash card). The first portion is for storing content (e.g. music, videos, pictures)
and the second portion is for storing information (e.g. keywords or tables of content)
required to access the content. When, unauthorized use of the storage module
(disconnection from a playing device, opening the module, opening a playing device
containing the module, attempting to access content when the module is disconnected from
10 an authorized playing device) is detected then further access to the information stored on
the second part is prevented. Access can be prevented, for example, by blank erasing the
second portion. A power source (e.g. battery) is provided for the detecting and preventing
of access, the access also being prevented if the power source fails.